

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Strozier on May 24, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claim 214.

In the Specification, page 1, between lines 2 and 3, insert the title --Field of the Invention--.

In the Specification, page 1, between lines 11 and 12, insert the title --Description of Related Art--.

In the Specification, page 3, between the lines 4 and 5, insert the title --Objects of the Invention--.

In the Specification, page 3, between lines 9 and 10, insert the title --Summary of the Invention--.

In the Specification, page 23, between lines 27 and 28, insert the title --Detailed Description of the Drawings--.

In the Specification, page 25, between lines 21 and 22, insert the title --Description of Preferred Embodiments--.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record, Clark (USPN 4,588,631) and Rasmussen (USPN 5,626,944), each fail to anticipate or render obvious the distinct feature of "a preservative selected from the group consisting of an oxygen scavenger, ethylene scavenger and a biocide".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CATHERINE SIMONE whose telephone number is (571)272-1501. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Sample can be reached on (571) 272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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